

Duplication of the renal pelvis and ureter, either partial or complete, has its explanation in an early division of the main renal bud. In the case of complete duplication the renal bud is double from its very inception from the Wolffian duct. The duplication is simply a disturbance of the normal development of the typical dichotomous renal pelvis.

In this case it was possible to determine, previous to operation, the value of the three portions of renal tissue and to point out the possibility had it been necessary of a bisection of the left kidney. The function of the right kidney in this particular instance, however, as determined by the use of phthalein was known to be practically normal and for this reason the problematical result of a bisection of the left kidney did not have to be considered.

#### REMEDIES FOR INDIGESTION MUST BE PROPERLY PREPARED AND SOLD WHILE FRESH.

Washington, D. C.—The Service and Regulatory Announcements of the Bureau of Chemistry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, state that examination of a number of products which purport to contain certain enzymes or ferments supposed to be useful in promoting digestion shows that these contain little, if any, of these active agents. Further investigation shows that the manufacturers frequently have employed a sufficient quantity of pepsin, diastase, pancreatin, trypsin, or similar material, but in many cases no attempt has been made to determine whether the material used is really active. In certain cases, manufacturers have combined pepsin and trypsin which tend to negative each other, and in other cases they have used its pepsin in alkaline media, which destroy activity, and have combined trypsin with acid substances which are not suited to it. Under certain methods of preparing the remedies, heat is applied to a degree that may destroy the activity of the pepsin or other enzymes. Similarly, many of these substances which owe their properties to the action of enzymes, are put up in too strong alcoholic solutions or in other ways which lessen their effectiveness.

The great trouble with many of these preparations, however, is that they do not keep well, and while active at first, after a time lose their digestive activity. The Department of Agriculture therefore warns manufacturers that preparations claiming to contain digestive enzymes should be put up in such a way that they will have suffered little, if any, loss of activity when sold to the consumer.

In the case of preparations which are liable to deterioration within a few months, the Department suggests that each lot should be dated, and that sales after a certain fixed time should be prevented.

#### IN ERRATA.

Dr. A. I. Zobel's paper on "Early Diagnosis of Cancer of the Rectum," appearing on page 376, was omitted from the general contents in the December issue 1914.

Also Dr. H. E. Ruggles' paper, which appears on page 284, "Six-Hour Stasis," was omitted.

### SOCIETY REPORT

#### BUTTE COUNTY.

Butte County Medical Society held its monthly meeting at the offices of Dr. M. P. Stansbury,

Tuesday evening, November 17, with the following members present. Drs. E. E. Baumeister, President P. L. Hamilton, C. C. Landis, O. Stansbury, M. P. Stansbury and Ella F. Gatchell.

Dr. M. P. Stansbury presented the subject of "Diagnostic Errors" in a very interesting and novel manner.

ELLA F. GATCHELL, Sec'y.

#### SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

The regular November meeting of the Society was held on Saturday evening, November 21st, 1914, at the Hotel Sacramento, at 8:30 o'clock, and was a joint meeting with The Sacramento Valley District Dental Society.

##### Subjects:

1. "Dental Conditions as Related to the Development and Diseases of Children." By W. P. Lucas, M. D., Professor of Pediatrics, University of California.

2. "The Relations of Medicine to Dentistry." By J. G. Sharp, M. D., D. D. S.; Professor of Surgery, University of California, Dental Department.

3. "Syphilis of the Mouth" (lantern slide demonstration). By Howard Morrow, M. D., Professor of Dermatology, University of California.

All members of the Profession visiting in Sacramento were cordially invited to attend.

F. F. GUNDRUM, M. D., Secretary.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

During the month of November, 1914, the following meetings were held:

##### Medical Section, Tuesday, November 3d.

1. Notes on Angina Pectoris. W. W. Kerr. Discussed by H. D'A. Power.

2. The Use of Perfusion Mixtures in High and in Low Blood Pressures. J. J. Hogan. Discussed by G. M. Barrett and H. D'A. Power.

##### General Meeting, Tuesday, November 10th.

1. Dermatitis Caused by Primula Poisoning. D. W. Montgomery and G. D. Culver. Discussed by Emmet Rixford.

2. Hernia in Relation to Accident Insurance. Emmet Rixford. Discussed by J. A. Haderle, S. O. Beasley, L. Eloesser and F. D. Tait.

3. The Orthopedic Treatment of Fractures. J. T. Watkins. Discussed by Emmet Rixford and C. E. Farnum.

##### Surgical Section, Tuesday, November 17th.

1. Report of Case of Fracture of the Carpal Cuneiform.

2. Gastrointestinal Diagnosis. Illustrated by 40 Consecutive Operative Cases (April-October, 1914). C. W. Lippman. Discussed by W. C. Alvarez.

3. Personal Results with Anoci Association. W. I. Terry. Discussed by F. D. Tait, F. Williams, H. A. L. Ryfkogel, S. Hyman and A. Newman.

4. Morphin-Scopolamin Anesthesia in Obstetrics. L. I. Breitstein. Discussed by W. F. B. Wakefield, B. F. Sandow, W. E. Libby and A. Newman.

##### Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Section.

##### Tuesday, November 24th.

##### 1. Presentation of Cases:

(a) Meniere's Symptom Complex, begin-